



Rep. John Shadegg

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Shadegg Supports Stripping Pork from Recently Passed Appropriations Bill

WASHINGTON – U.S. Congressman John Shadegg (R-AZ) today called on Congress to rescind the “gratuitous pork” that was included in the recently passed omnibus appropriations bill. Shadegg is an original co-sponsor of a bill introduced by Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and will work closely with him to ensure that the money that Congress appropriated on pork projects will be transferred to a reserve fund for defense and homeland security.

“The latest omnibus bill is an example of how irresponsible government spending has become. The government’s fixed expenditures *should* go toward funding the basics, like defense, critical infrastructure, and homeland security. Sadly, in the omnibus spending bill funding for these vital government services shared the spotlight with billions in gratuitous pork projects,” said Shadegg.

“This legislation gives Congress the opportunity to make things right and show the American people that we can allocate their hard earned tax dollars in a responsible fashion.”

“As we look forward to the fiscal 2004 budget, it is simply not prudent to treat the process as ‘business as usual.’ We cannot continue the largesse of years past – curtailing frivolous spending is essential if we are to allocate government funds for other, more immediate priorities. It is time for the federal government to start doing what every American family must do: separating ‘wants’ from critical spending ‘needs’ and learning to live within a responsible budget.”

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